providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory

storing a plurality of reproducible images;

determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the

detachable memory; and

recording the reproduction instruction file in the detachable memory in

accordance with one or more reproduction commands input by a user.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present

application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 63-77 remain pending in the present application. Claims 63 and 70-

77 are the independent claims.

Claims 63 and 70-77 have been amended. Applicant submits that support

for the amendments can be found at least at, for example, page 28, line 25 - page 29, line 7

and page 49, line 23 - page 50, line 4 of the specification as originally filed. Therefore, no

new matter has been added.

Claims 63-77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated

by U.S. Patent No. 6,243,171 (Haneda). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In one aspect of the present invention, independent Claim 63 recites, inter

alia,:

> a display control section for controlling display, in a display
> unit, so that a user may confirm whether or not reproduction
> of the one or more images is to be performed, the display
> unit displaying, in order, one of (i) the one or more images to
> be reproduced with a mark indicating whether or not each of
> the one or more images is to be reproduced or (ii) the one or

more file names specifying the one or more images to be
reproduced.

Independent Claims 70 and 71 correspond generally to independent Claim 63 and recite

similar features in method and computer readable storage medium forms, respectively.

In another aspect of the present invention, independent Claim 72 recites, inter alia,:

a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable
memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a
reproduction instruction file containing one or more file
names, each file name indicating whether the file
corresponding to the file name is to be reproduced, the one
or more file names in an order;

a reading control section for reading the reproduction
instruction file stored in the detachable memory to determine
the one or more file names indicating the one or more files to
be reproduced if said control section determines that the
reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable
memory; and

a reproduction control section for controlling reproduction of
the one or more files to be reproduced by reading, in order,
the one or more files indicated by the one or more file names
to be reproduced.

Independent Claims 73 and 74 correspond generally to independent Claim 72 and recite

similar features in method and computer readable storage medium forms, respectively.

In another aspect of the present invention, independent Claim 75 recites features of a

recording apparatus for recording a reproduction instruction file containing at least one file

name, the at least one file name indicating whether the file corresponding to the at least

one file name is to be reproduced. Independent Claims 76 and 77 correspond generally to

independent Claim 75 and recite similar features in method and computer readable storage

medium forms, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that Haneda neither teaches

nor suggests at least the aforesaid features of independent Claims 63 and 70-77.

Haneda discloses a photograph processing system whereby, when a user takes film to a developer to be processed, the user receives a developed set of photographs, as well as a user disk. The user disk contains original digital image data or reduced digital image data (Col. 14, lines 56-59), parameter data (a gamma value, brightness, resolution and RGB correction information) for either the whole roll of film or each individual frame (Col. 15, lines 53-63), and order data (information identifying the film bearing the images to be reproduced, the frames to be reproduced, the number of copies to be reproduced, and the size of the prints) (Col. 18, lines 32-35). At a later date, the user may use the disk with a playback apparatus, e.g., a personal computer, to view digital images of the photographs and subsequently submit an order for reprints of any or all of the photographs (Col. 18, lines 14-35). The order may be placed in person at a developing establishment, or via telephonic communication between the personal computer and the establishment. In an alternate embodiment, the user of Haneda may verify the images to be ordered via the playback machine. (Col. 20, lines 17-26). However, Applicant respectfully submits that Haneda neither teaches nor suggests at least the aforementioned claim features of the independent claims.
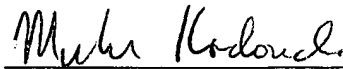
For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as the base claims from which they depend and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the present

application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS

63.   (Amended) An image reproduction control apparatus, comprising:

a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file, the reproduction instruction file including one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

a reading section for reading the reproduction instruction file to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced;

a reproduction control section for controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced by reading, in order, the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file; and

a display control section for controlling display, in a display unit, so that a user may confirm whether or not reproduction of the one or more images is to be performed, the display unit displaying, in order, one of (i) the one or more images to be reproduced[,] with a mark indicating whether or not each of the one or more images is to be reproduced or (ii) the one or more file names specifying the one or more images to be reproduced.

70.   (Amended) A method of controlling image reproduction, the method comprising:

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file, the reproduction

instruction file including one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

reading the reproduction instruction file to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced;

controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced by reading, in order, the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file; and

controlling display, in a display unit, so that a user may confirm whether or not reproduction of the one or more images is to be performed, the display unit displaying, in order, one of (i) the one or more images to be reproduced[,] with a mark indicating whether or not each of the one or more images is to be reproduced or (ii) the one or more file names specifying the one or more images to be reproduced.

71.   (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing a method of controlling image reproduction, [wherein] the method [comprises] comprising:

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file, the reproduction instruction file including one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

reading the reproduction instruction file to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced;

controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced by reading,

in order, the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file;

and

controlling display, in a display unit, so that a user may confirm whether or not

reproduction of the one or more images is to be performed, the display unit displaying, in order,

one of (i) the one or more images to be reproduced[,] with a mark indicating whether or not each

of the one or more images is to be reproduced or (ii) the one or more file names specifying the

one or more images to be reproduced.

72.   (Amended) An image reproduction control apparatus for reproducing an

image, comprising:

a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a

plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing one or more file

names [specifying one or more images], each file name indicating whether the file corresponding

to the file name is to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

a control section for determining whether a reproduction instruction file is present

in the detachable memory;

a reading control [means] section for reading the reproduction instruction file

stored in the detachable memory to determine the one or more file names [specifying] indicating

the one or more [images] files to be reproduced if said control section determines that the

reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory; and

a reproduction control section for controlling reproduction of the one or more

[images] files to be reproduced [specified by the reproduction instruction file] by reading, in

order, the one or more [images specified] files indicated by the one or more file names to be

reproduced [reproduction instruction file].

73.   (Amended) A method of controlling reproduction of an image in

accordance with a reproduction instruction file, the one or more reproduction instruction files

containing one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the method

comprising:

        providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory

storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing one or

more file names [specifying one or more images], each file name indicating whether the file

corresponding to the file name is to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

        determining whether a reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable

memory;

        reading the reproduction instruction file stored in the detachable memory to

determine the one or more file names [specifying] indicating the one or more [images] files to be

reproduced if said determining step [control section] determines that the reproduction instruction

file is present in the detachable memory; and

        controlling reproduction of the one or more [images] files to be reproduced

[specified by the reproduction instruction file] by reading, in order, the one or more [images

specified] files indicated by the one or more file names to be reproduced [reproduction

instruction file].

74.   (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for

executing a method of controlling reproduction of an image in accordance with a reproduction

instruction file, the reproduction instruction file containing one or more file names [specifying

one or more images],each file name indicating whether the file corresponding to the file name is

to be reproduced, [wherein] the method [comprises] comprising:

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory

storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing one or

more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in

an order;

determining whether a reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable

memory;

reading the reproduction instruction file stored in the detachable memory to

determine the one or more file names [specifying] indicating the one or more [images] files to be

reproduced if said determining step [control section] determines that the reproduction instruction

file is present in the detachable memory; and

controlling reproduction of the one or more [images] files to be reproduced

[specified by the reproduction instruction file] by reading, in order, the one or more [images

specified] files indicated by the one or more file names to be reproduced [reproduction

instruction file].

75.   (Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a reproduction

instruction file containing at least one file name [specifying at least one image], the at least one

file name indicating whether the file corresponding to the at least one file name is to be

reproduced, comprising:

[a control section for determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file

is present in the detachable memory;]

a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a

plurality of reproducible images;

a control section for determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file

is present in the detachable memory; and

a recording section for recording the reproduction instruction file in the

detachable memory in accordance with input from a user.

76.   (Amended) A method of recording a reproduction instruction file

containing at least one file name [specifying at least one image], the at least one file name

indicating whether the file corresponding to the at least one file name is to be reproduced, the

method comprising:

[determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the

detachable memory;]

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory

storing a plurality of reproducible images;

determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory; and

recording the reproduction instruction file in the detachable memory in accordance with one or more reproduction commands input by a user.

77.   (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing a method of recording a reproduction instruction file containing at least one file name [specifying at least one image], the at least one file name indicating whether the file corresponding to the at least one file name is to be reproduced, [wherein] the method [comprises] comprising:

[determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory;]

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images;

determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory; and

recording the reproduction instruction file in the detachable memory in accordance with one or more reproduction commands input by a user.